

JUST GOSSIP ABOUT PEOPLE

Nancy Wynne Talks of the Assembly and Many Traditions Connected With Ball to Which the Blue Bloods of the City Subscribe

WELL, are you ready for the fray tonight? Would you miss the first Assembly? Just to show that you can go and see who has been asked to subscribe this year of the debs and who has been invited from "Podunk" and be amazed at seeing "So and so" in a questioning manner at "Thing um bob" and say under your breath "For goodness sake, since when has she been a subscriber?"

SOMEHOW the ball is so up-to-date since it has been held at the Bellevue, don't you think? In the old days at the Academy of Music, when old Doctor Cleeman walked about with dear Mary Cox on his arm, in her quaint square-necked gray or soft brown gown, the ball seemed one of the remnants of the real old Philadelphia. Now it's much more modern.

EARLIER than that there was old Charles, the colored man, who used to go from home to home of the subscribers with the book and the subscriptions were cut in. And don't you think for a moment any one who had not subscribed all his life could get his name on that list then. The story was told how one lady, who was a subscriber and whose daughter was going to debutante, had a niece whose father had never gone and who was therefore out of that privilege, and so when the book came she sought to put down the niece's name. Could she? Not on your life! "No, ma'am," said he, "Dat name ain't on de list, and, believe me, that name never got on de list, either."

TONIGHT will be an extra important event, as it marks the first Assembly in three years. It has been the custom to call off the balls when the country has been at war, and the assemblies during the Revolution, the Civil War and, of course, during the great world war. So since 1917 there has not been an Assembly, but, these will be an unusual number of debutantes there tonight, because there are so many going out this year among the eligible ones.

THE patronesses tonight are Mrs. A. J. Cassatt, who, unfortunately, on account of illness will be unable to receive, Mrs. John B. Ely, Mrs. J. P. Pennington, Mrs. E. M. Pennington, Mrs. Perry Pepper, Mrs. Alexander Yarnall and Mrs. Charlie Cheston. The latter is the bride of last year. That's another custom, you know, the youngest patroness is always chosen from among those who have been married during the past year.

ALTHOUGH some have been from time to time admitted into the Assembly whose families have not always subscribed, the managers and patronesses and the men asked to take the patronesses in to supper, these will be selected from the families of subscribers whose membership in the Assemblies dates back to the first balls which were held in 1747.

The managers of the ball this year are Mr. Henry Belmont Cox, Mr. S. Pemberton Hutchinson, Mr. Godfrey Warner Cadwalader, Mr. Casper Wister Morris, Mr. Beauveau Borie, Jr., and Dr. Charles D. Hart.

AND from all I have heard of the behavior of guests and those who take them at the two affairs, the first of which was served this year, I don't wonder that many who had intended to have it out it out.

Can you imagine, prohibition or no prohibition, going to a person's house and behaving that way? You know, whether you approve of prohibition or not, you can't stand for such things.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Among those who will entertain at dinner tonight before the first Assembly at the Bellevue-Stratford will be Mr. and Mrs. Effingham B. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Elliston Perot Bissell, Mr. and Mrs. George J. Harding, Jr., Dr. and Mrs. Robert G. Conde, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick R. Kirkland, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brooke, Mr. and Mrs. William R. Godfrey, Mr. and Mrs. William Draper Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. George Dallas Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Dickson, Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Dale and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Duncanson Mills.

Among the guests who will attend the dinner which Mrs. George D. Rosencranz will give this evening before the assembly, will be Mr. and Mrs. James Potter, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell G. Rosengarten, Mr. and Mrs. James G. Reed, Mr. Francis Green and Mr. Gustave A. Heckscher.

Mrs. J. F. R. Packard, will act as mistress of honor at the wedding of her sister, Miss E. Pauline Denckla, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hermann A. Denckla, of Chestnut Hill, and Mr. Le Grand Cannon, of New York, which will take place at March 10. The bridesmaids will be Miss Rebecca G. Thompson, Miss Elizabeth C. Norris and Mrs. G. Dawson Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Lea, and Miss Katherine Lee, are occupying their apartments at the Bellevue-Stratford. They will spend the week-end at Westmore Farm, their place in Devon.

Mrs. M. R. Ward, of Wayne, will be at the dinner which Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schwab, are giving at their home in New York, this evening to the Admiral and Mrs. Jellicoe, of the Royal British Navy, who will sail for England on Saturday.

Mrs. Charles A. Munn and children, of Woodcrest, Haddon, will leave for Palm Beach next Wednesday to spend the remainder of the winter.

Mr. Gustave A. Heckscher, of Stratford, has closed his home in Stratford and taken apartments for the winter at the Ritz-Carlton.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Warren Marshall and children, of St. Davids, have returned from a visit with Mrs. Edward Le Boutillier, at the Brighton, Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex B. Scott, of Sla-

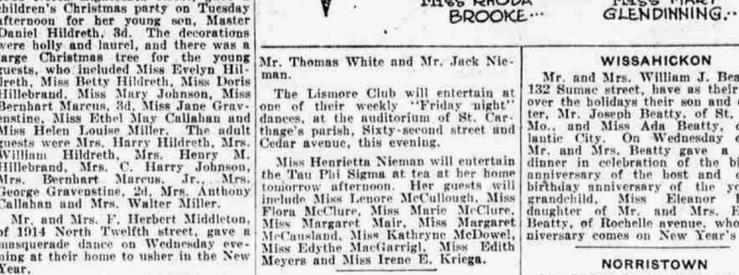
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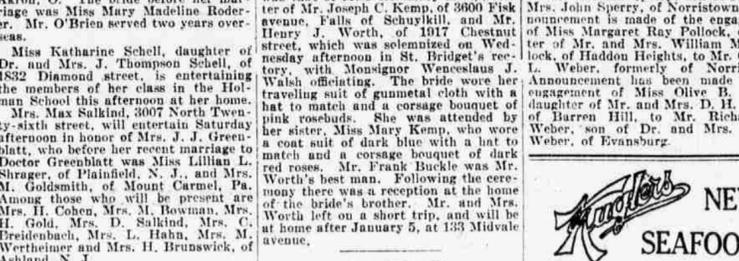
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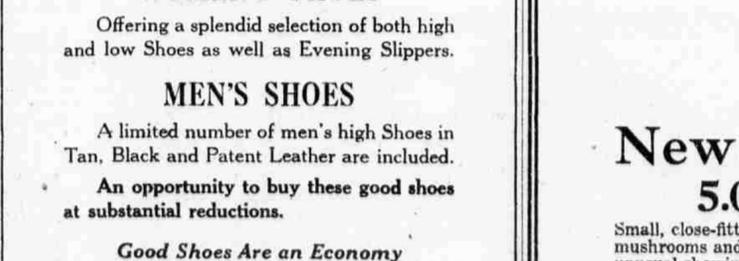
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